

## COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT COMMITTEE

Fiscal Year 2004

The Community Preservation Act Committee (CPAC) was established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B and Article 9 of the 2001 Annual Town Meeting, Amherst. Amherst voters voted overwhelmingly to accept the Act with a 1% property tax surcharge on property evaluations above \$100,000, and certain other exemptions. The Community Preservation Act (CPA), as amended in July 2002, establishes a local fund “for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; for the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use; for the creation, preservation and support of community housing; and for the rehabilitation or restoration of open space, land for recreational use and community housing.” It also establishes a state Community Preservation Trust Fund, from which allocations are made annually to municipalities that have accepted the Act, partially matching local appropriations. The CPAC is charged with studying the needs, possibilities, and resources of the Town regarding community preservation and recommending projects to Town Meeting for appropriation.

### FY 04 Revenue:

Prior year residual surcharges:	1,600.13
Current year tax surcharge 1%:	150,861.90
Liens and penalties:	250.87
State reimbursement:	144,081.00
Investment earnings:	<u>1650.14</u>
Total	298,774.04

Total revenues available: \$511,402.00  
(\$298,774.04+\$211,628.97 unencumbered balance from FY 03)

### Fiscal Year 2004 Appropriations

#### **Approved by Fall Town Meeting - November 2003, for appropriation:**

##### **Housing**

- Study for feasibility of Housing Trust Fund \$10,000
- Affordable housing on Tamarack Drive \$40,555  
(increase in appraisal value, gas heat installation)
- Amherst Housing Authority - 693 Main St. \$75,000  
(refundable down payment)
- Amherst Housing Authority – The Brook: 2 accessible units \$ 8,000  
(2yrs carrying costs on 2 accessible units)

##### **Historic**

- Strong House chimney reconstruction \$40,000  
(preservation restriction granted to the Town)
- West Cemetery lights and signs per Cemetery Master Plan \$19,065

Open Space	
• Partial payment on Simmons Property April 2003	\$60,000
• APR on Hess property – North East Street	\$97,500
• APR on Hart/Murphy property – North East Street	\$41,500

Recreation	
• Skateboard Park study	\$15,000

CPAC Administration	
• Supplies, legal notices	\$2,000

**Approved by Annual Town Meeting - April 2004, for appropriation:**

Open Space	
• APR supplement on Hess property – North East Street (increase in appraisal)	\$95,000

**Total Appropriations FY 04** **\$503,615**

**Unencumbered balance carryover to FY 05** **\$ 7,787**

CPAC members in 2004:

Pam Rooney (Planning Board; Chair)  
Chris Ryan (at large; Secretary)  
Peter MacConnell (at large)  
Peter Jessop (Amherst Housing Authority)  
Audrey Child (at large)  
Kathy Ford (LSSE)  
Elisa Campbell (at large)  
Nicki Robb (Conservation Commission)  
Caroline Olson (Historical Commission)